

**Call to Order**

The Regular Session of Council was called to order by Vice Mayor Mike McKeehan. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. McKeehan advised he would chair the meeting in the Mayor's absence and follow the printed agenda.

**Roll Call**

Roll Call was completed by Clerk of Council. The following members were present.

Mike McKeehan – P

Judy Neal – P

Terry Erwin– A

William Thompson – P

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – P

Paul Zorn – P

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Councilwoman Neal to approve the minutes of the April Meeting; second by Councilman Zorn. All ye.

**Committee Reports/Legislation from Village Officials**

Police Committee - Councilman Thompson advised the Police Committee did not have a meeting and there was nothing to report this month.

Zorn advised there were five present at the Neighborhood Watch Meeting; the session was led by Police Chief Kilburn. He stated the Chief discussed the state of the Village of Morrow with regard to crime and advised the Village was better off than many communities as it relates to crime activity.

Public Works Committee - No Committee Report

Administrator Smith provided a written report to Council; he discussed the Capstone Project and advised 38 graduates participated. He stated it was a comprehensive redevelopment project; the final report is being edited and bound and will be on the website when completed. There were ten international students, representing several countries that were among the graduates participating Smith stated; many creative ideas were introduced and Morrow's project received the highest reward.

Smith discussed the VFW Memorial Day Parade Committee and the Village Tree Board. He advised a meeting of the Tree Board was scheduled for May 16th at 10am and on April 26th, Arbor Day, the Tree Board had press coverage for the tree planting. Smith applauded Mrs. Jackson's fourth grade class who played government/civic roles in the city named Rocks and Boxes. He urged Council members to plan to attend next year.

Rod Smith cited increased interest in Economic Development activities. He stated ODOT was planning beautification projects for Route 22&3. The Administrator also reported the bid opening for the Highlawn Project would be the following week at Warren County and the Welch Road Project would be out for bid in June.

The Administrator referenced prior legislation from March 12th, approving a part time Police Officer. He stated there is sufficient money in the fund; however, Sergeant Landrum would be back June 1st, rather than May 11, 2013. Smith recommended the PT Officer position be extended to May 31, 2013. Council was in agreement; all ye.

Smith advised the Finance Committee meeting would be May 28th at 6pm. He reported the Flag mock-up would be on the website and the VFW post would have a new commander. Judy Neal will be the first female officer in the district. The Administrator stated May 15th would be the 10th anniversary for Tim Erwin with the Village Public Works and wished Fire Chief Fred LaFollette happy birthday. He stated a letter was contained in his report, stating on May 22<sup>nd</sup> the Fiscal Emergency would end for Little

Miami Local School District; a reception will take place on that day after 4pm in the media center. Rod Smith reported Memorial Day flags would be flown at half-staff in Ohio for fallen police officers per Governor Kasich's directive. The Administrator reviewed meeting dates. He made a motion to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss damage realized to one property; three structures were torn down. A citizen, Janet Doughman, interjected comment, stating Morrow ruined her life. McKeehan advised her she would have an opportunity on the agenda to present her statements.

McKeehan discussed a tree concern which damaged a car. He stated a resident of a neighboring property wants the tree removed. He advised if the tree is on Village property, it will be taken care of. McKeehan stated the tree which totaled a car last Spring was near the Old depot. The Administrator stated he would look into it and report to Council.

**Ordinances/Resolutions**

Fiscal Officer Kathie Koehler requested an Ordinance of \$45,000 from General Fund to Demolition Fund, 4901 as per her printed request. She provided an explanation. Smith stated it was discussed last fall. McKeehan asked the source of the receipted funds. Koehler stated a demolition grant.

Motion by Neal to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Ordinance #6-13; second by Zorn. All yea. Motion by Neal to adopt Ordinance #6-13, advancing demolition funds; second by Zorn. All yea. Motion carried.

Koehler discussed needed Resolutions and explained line item adjustments requested. She stated the short block was replaced from the dump truck; discussion followed. Koehler advised the Tax Budget meeting would be July 15th at 6pm. Thompson asked if it was a public meeting; Koehler responded it would be in the newspaper. Solicitor Kaspar recommended a single Resolution and provided the terminology.

Motion by Neal to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #12-13; second by Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh. All yea. Motion by Neal to adopt Resolution #12-13, increasing miscellaneous appropriations; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. All yea. Motion carried.

**Approval of Disbursements**

Koehler provided Council Standard Bank Reconciliation Reports by Fund and Fund Summary from April 1, 2013 to May 3, 2013. One Schuerer Trust Fund Application was distributed for review.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to pay the bills submitted; second by Neal. All yea.

Koehler discussed cost of lodging provided to a displaced family and asked if funds could be used from the Schuerer Trust Fund. Council responded. She also discussed Village medical insurance. Koehler stated there would be a \$5 increase in co-pays for doctor, etc. with the new company, Time Insurance, per the agent.

**Public Forum**

Mrs. Doughman asked where Mayor Erwin and Councilman Terry Erwin were. Vice-Mayor McKeehan advised the Mayor was unable to be at the meeting. Neal explained that Terry Erwin was out of town. Doughman expressed her feelings with regard to the demolition of adjacent property and the condition of her property and referenced statements she recalled made to her before the process began. Isaacs-Niemesh inquired as to whether she was allowed to remove any belongings from the house. Rod Smith advised Warren County officials stated the property was not structurally safe.

McKeehan asked who was the owner of the property and the property address. Janet Doughman indicated she was the owner. She stated she was told the adjacent property would be torn down by hand. Isaacs-Niemesh asked how long would the process take before she could get her belongings. Smith stated they were awaiting a response from Warren County. McKeehan inquired about the demolition company and if they were bonded. Smith responded yes and advised Warren County condemned three properties last fall. Isaac-Niemesh asked why Rauch was not asked to pay for lodging. The Village Administrator stated there were several reports, architectural, etc. One Morrow resident present asked if there was another reason why the damage resulted. Smith restated the Executive Session would be the proper format for discussion.

Sharon Lewis and husband, Jim Vandiver, who reside in front of the Water Tower reported an intoxicated man was shooting in the Woodlands. Lewis stated Ryan Hunt gave permission to individuals to shoot there. A gentleman on Morrow Blackhawk Road whose property is now owned by the developer is shooting; many people other than the police are hunting there. She stated, at the Homeowners Meeting, Ryan Hunt commented on a meth lab. Lewis advised Kilburn visits the neighborhood on a regular basis but hasn't been there when the shooting occurs.

Chief Kilburn stated seven officers shoot on that property. Packenius' property is the problem. When he shoots, he is in the couple's back yard. Sharon Lewis advised the gentleman shoots at the Water Tower also. Kilburn utilized the wall map to illustrate the property where the shooting occurs. He asked Koehler if she had a problem since her property also abuts the area. Jim Vandiver stated he could see the area from his bathroom; he said it is dangerous. Kilburn recited the code. He stated he would talk to the property owner. Neal asked if it was in the Village. He advised and stated he had made initial contact with the owner previously. He stated a gun restriction would be the only other option. The Police Chief advised he would report back to the Vice Mayor. McKeehan asked the family to keep Council updated.

Motion by Neal to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible pending litigation; second by Zorn. Motion by Neal to return to Regular Session of Council; second by Zorn. All yea.

Motion by Neal to approve payment to extend displaced family's stay for seven additional days beyond May 17, 2013; second by Thompson. All yea.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Thomson to adjourn; second by Neal. All yea.

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Kathie Koehler, Fiscal Officer

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Mike Erwin, Mayor